

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Advisory Action of May 23, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and Amendment of the claims, and the following Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claims 1 and 6 are amended to clarify that it is the removable inkjet cartridge which has the printhead and air inlet port, not the claimed body/recess of the cradle, and that the claimed air outlet pipe of the air compressor is arranged to couple with, and exhaust air to, the air inlet port of the removable inkjet cartridge at receipt of the cartridge by the body/recess. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 5, lines 15-25, page 7, lines 3-17, page 12, line 17-page 13, line 4 and page 14, lines 4-7 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-5 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendments to not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 102(b) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending independent claims 1 and 6, and dependent claims 2-5, is not disclosed by previously cited Silverbrook, for at least the following reasons.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner asserts that "All the claims remain readable of the prior art reference[sic] as stated in the office action mailed 4/12/2006" which is the final Office Action.

Whilst the Applicant respectfully disagrees, independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended as discussed above to clearly recite the features of the present invention which are distinguished from the disclosure of Silverbrook, as argued by the Applicant in the Reply to the final Office Action.

That is, it is clarified that in the present invention, the removable inkjet cartridge 6, to which the body of inkjet printer cradle 4 is complementary, has the pagewidth printhead 52 and air inlet port 76, not the cradle, as it is arranged in Silverbrook, and that, accordingly, the air outlet pipe 124 of the cradle is arranged to couple with the air inlet port of the cartridge so that air may be exhausted to the printhead of the cartridge from the air compressor 122 of the cradle to maintain the printhead free of damaging debris (see page 5, lines 15-25, page 7, lines 3-17, page 12, line 17-page 13, line 4 and page 14, lines 4-7 of the present specification).

As argued previously by the Applicant, Silverbrook merely discloses an arrangement in which the print engine 500, used by the Examiner as the claimed cradle, is integrally provided with both the pump 122 and the printhead 516 as part of the subassemblies 506 and 508 of the print engine. The print roll cartridge 504 of Silverbrook which is removably mounted to the print engine, used by the Examiner as the claimed inkjet cartridge, merely has print media and ink supplies (see col. 2, line 25-col. 3, line 5 and Fig. 3 of Silverbrook).

Thus, Silverbrook does not disclose, or suggest, a cradle having an air compressor which cooperates with an air inlet port of a removable inkjet cartridge to exhaust air to a printhead of the removable inkjet cartridge, as is required by amended claims 1-6.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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